MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): സാധാരണ ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള സംഗതി ഗസറ്റിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധം ചെയ്യാറില്ല.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): അങ്ങിനെ വരുമ്പോൾ കുറച്ചു ടെണ്ടർ കൊടുക്കുന്നതു കൊണ്ടു പ്രയോജനമില്ലെന്നു മറ്റുള്ളവക്ക് ഒരുതരത്തിൽ ധാരണയുണ്ടാകയില്ലേ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): ടെണ്ടർ പരസ്യത്തിൽ താഴ്ന്ന ടെണ്ടർ അയക്കുമ്പോൾ അതിൽ ഏറ്റവും കുറഞ്ഞ ടെണ്ടറിനു തന്നെ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു നിർബന്ധമില്ലെന്നു വിവരിക്കാറുണ്ടു.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): അങ്ങനെയാണോ ഗവർണ്മെൻറു ഓരോ അവസരങ്ങളിലും പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുവരുന്നതു?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): അങ്ങനെ കൂടി ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചാണു്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ആയിരം രൂപാക്കു് ആളും ടെണ്ടർ കൊടുത്തു് രണ്ടാമതു കുറഞ്ഞ ടെണ്ടർകാർ വരുമ്പോൾ ആ തുകക്കു എടുക്കാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ അതിനെ അനുസരിച്ചു കൊടുക്കയാണോ ചെയ്യുന്നതു?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): അങ്ങനെ വേണ്ടി വന്നാൽ അങ്ങനേയും ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു ഉതകുന്ന ഒരു വാചകമാണു് അതു്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): അതുപോലെ മറ്റുഅവസരങ്ങളിലും ഈ നയം ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): ആവശ്യം പോലെ ഉപയോഗിക്കാറുണ്ടു്.

Channel to irrigate certain Lands in the Vengur Pakuthi.

138. MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to conduct the necessary investigations to see whether it is possible to take water to the lands in the Vengur *pakuthi* by opening a channel from Thadikomban in the Periyar?

MR. T.P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer will be asked to send up a report on this.

Orders placed with the Bombay Alkali Works for Medicines.

139. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Were any orders placed with the Bombay Alkali Works for the supply of medicines to the value of Rs. 40,000 for the use of the Medical Department in 1920?

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[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number and date of that order?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of that order on the table?

(*d*) Were the medicines delivered according to the agreement?

(*e*) Did the Government modify the original contract to the effect that the medicines should be delivered at Arkonam whence they should be conveyed at Government cost, and get down the medicines at their own cost from Bombay?

(*f*) If so, what excess expenditure did the Government incur on account of transport charges for getting the medicines down to Trivandrum, in accordance with the above modification in the contract?

(*g*) Has any further correspondence been carried on in this matter since then?

(*h*) Will the Government be pleased to place such correspondence, if any, on the table?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes

(*b*) No. A/X, dated the 3rd July 1920, from the Darbar Physician.

(*c*) A copy† of the order is laid on the table.

(*d*) Yes, except as regards one condition.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) In view of the answer to part (*e*), this question does not arise.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) No, as the matter is still undecided.

Evening Markets.

140. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the total revenue derived from evening markets?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that almost all who resort to the evening markets are poor people and coolies?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that the collection of dues from evening markets causes great hardship to them?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that dues are collected by the contractors of evening markets, in almost all cases, at rates higher than the prescribed rates?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to prevent such vagaries?

(*f*) Will they be pleased to stop the collection of dues from evening markets?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The total revenue derived from evening markets for the year 1100 is Rs. 3,307-Chs. 17-Cash 2.

† *Vide* Appendix VI—page 502.

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